



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application.

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### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449 and References)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Fees are calculated as follows:
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00  | \$ 375.00                             |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSION FEES          | \$        | \$ 0   | \$ 0                                  |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                  | \$        | \$ 0   | \$ 0                                  |
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to Deposit Account No. 50-2319.

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